



**A CHESTNUT FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWESTERN CHINA (*CAS-
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In recent years the common chestnut, formerly a conspicuous feature of forests and roadsides in the northeastern United States, has almost disappeared, owing to the ravages of chestnut blight (*Endothia parasitica*), a disease for which no remedy has been discovered. In an effort to obtain blight-resistant chestnuts the Department of Agriculture has introduced from China a number of interesting species. The one here shown is a large tree, about 100 feet tall, with a trunk 5 feet in diameter. The edible nuts are small, but J. F. Rock, through whom the introduction has been made, reports them to be of sweet flavor. (Photographed by J. F. Rock, near Shiao-shuichi, Yunnan, China, September 29, 1922; P30306FS)